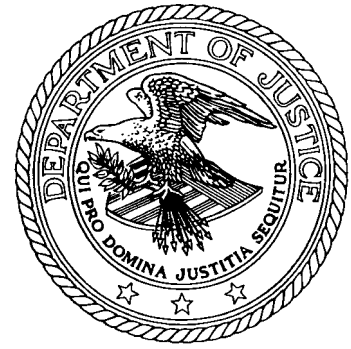


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NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY - April 21, 2004

United States Attorney Carol C. Lam today announced that a federal grand jury indicted a San Diego man for making a False Statement in the Attempted Acquisition of a Firearm.

The indictment alleges that on or about January 30, 2004, Troy Dennis Moulesong, in an attempt to acquire a 12-gauge shotgun from Big 5 Sporting Goods in San Diego, falsely stated on an Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) form that he had not been convicted of a felony. The indictment further alleges that Moulesong in fact had previously been convicted of the felony offense of possession of a controlled substance in San Diego Superior Court on October 30, 2000.

Big 5 Sporting Goods is a Federal Firearms Licensee (FFL). Anyone who makes a false statement to an FFL in an attempt to acquire a firearm commits a felony punishable by a term of up to 10 years in prison and a fine of up to \$250,000.00.

According to the federal criminal complaint filed earlier in this case, San Diego Police officers took Moulesong into custody without incident on February 1, 2004, after being informed that Moulesong had made several threats, saying among other things that as soon as he got the shotgun he intended to “walk into a crowd and kill as many people as possible.”

According to the complaint, Moulesong was initially detained at a local mental health facility but was taken into federal custody after a federal criminal complaint was filed in United States Magistrate Court. Moulesong never obtained the shotgun in question.

Moulesong is scheduled to appear before Magistrate Judge Anthony J. Battaglia, for arraignment on the indictment at the United States Courthouse in San Diego, California, on April 23, 2004, at 2:00 p.m.

DEFENDANT

Troy Dennis Moulesong

SUMMARY OF CHARGES

Title 18, United States Code, Section 922(a)(6) and 924(a)(2) - False Statement in the Attempted Acquisition of a Firearm

Maximum sentence of 10 years in prison and fine not to exceed \$250,000.

AGENCIES

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives
San Diego Police Department

An indictment itself is not evidence that the defendant committed the crimes charged. The defendant is presumed innocent until the Government meets its burden in court of proving guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.